

April 17, 2020

Dear Elementary Families,

Education has shifted significantly for everyone in the last few weeks, and we are working hard to help ensure that each student receives instruction to help them continue to grow despite school closures.

These printed learning resource packets have been designed to provide alternatives to the online learning opportunities that we are providing; our goal is to provide alternative assignments that give students and families flexibility, allow for creativity, and increase interest and motivation.

Included in this packet, you will find academic materials that align with the learning targets at each grade level, as well as some tips and information for families who are supporting learning at home. If your student is unable to access the online platforms, they may use these materials for our distance learning platform. If your child is already participating in online learning with their teacher, they are not required to do both online learning assignments and the printed packets but feel free to use them as additional learning resources.

Our recommendation for learning time for students is in between 60-90 minutes each day; however, we know that all families are different, so we want you to adjust times and routines to best meet your family needs.

This packet contains materials that will cover learning from 4/17/2020 through the end of April. In the first week of May, you will receive another packet of learning resources for that month.

## What if my child received support services in school (English Learners, LAP/Title, Special Education services, etc.)?

Our support services staff are working closely with the general classroom teachers to assist students who need more time and support in their learning. Teachers should be reaching out to students and families to support, monitor and adjust how students are engaging in the work.

What if the work is too difficult for my child to do independently?

In the printed resources are family support resources (tips to help your child). If you need additional support in helping your child(ren) to be successful, please contact your child's teacher via email or phone. Additionally, if your child is eligible for special education, your child's case manager will assist you with questions about individualized learning resources to meet your child's needs. The contact information is located on the school website. If you are unable to access the school website, please call (360) 965-0000 for staff contact information.

In the meantime, families may adjust the workload as it fits your student's best interest.

## What if my child can access some of the online learning, but not all of it? Can we use some of this packet, and some of the online materials?

Certainly. We want families to be able to select the method of instruction that best fits their family needs. Work with your child's classroom teacher to develop a plan that works best for your family.

If you have questions about the learning materials, email your child's teacher or email the Curriculum and Assessment Department Director at <a href="mailto:brynn\_marcum@msd25.org">brynn\_marcum@msd25.org</a>.

NOTE: Teacher email is located on the district website at <a href="www.msd25.org">www.msd25.org</a>, go to School, Contact Us, Staff Directory.